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| **Chosen case study** | Palau challenges China |
| **Chosen principle** | We must not become a vassal state (must not be bought or bullied, able to defend ourselves) |

Goal: Inform audience on how Singapore can defend itself and not become a vassal state

Thesis statement: Singapore must be ready to act if its national interests are threatened

Introduction:

* Self-introduction
  + Introduce name and thesis statement
* Introduce chosen case study and principle
  + Chosen case study: Palau challenging China
  + Chosen principle: We must not become a vassal state

Body:

* Introduce Palau and their economy
  + Location (Wikitravel, 2022)
  + What they rely for income (Cameron, 2021)
* Palau’s view on Taiwan and China’s response
  + Palau supported Taiwan and China stopped supporting Palau (The Straits Times, 2021), (Cameron, 2021)
* Reason for China’s actions
  + “Carrot on a stick” plan to get Palau to change sides
* Palau’s response to China’s threat
  + Palau continued to support Taiwan

Conclusion:

* Quote by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (The Straits Times, 2017)
* Definition of “vassal state” (Merriam-Webster, 2022)
* Bring in real-world example of USA-China tensions and Singapore’s views
  + What USA and China are doing (gov.sg, 2022)
  + What Singapore did despite world powers trying to gain supporters
* End speech with quote
* Thank audience

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